

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a method for switching the video component(s) of a digital audio-visual first program onto the video components of a second digital, audio-visual program.

In the invention, said method is characterized in that it consists in switching onto the video component of the second program, subsequent to the switch command and to the end of a picture of the first program, and in replacing, as seen in the order of transmission, each non Intra picture of said component of said second program, with a picture of which the coding is carried out independently of the picture data of the replaced picture and of the contents of the pictures to which it refers until the beginning of the next Intra picture of said component of said second program.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The video component(s) of a digital audio-visual first program are switched onto the video components of a second digital, audio-visual program by (1) switching onto the video component of the second program, subsequent to the switch command and to the end of a picture of the first program, and (2) replacing, as seen in the order of transmission, each non Intra picture of the component of a second program, with a picture having coding performed independently of (a) the picture data of the replaced picture and (b) of the contents of the pictures to which it refers until the beginning of the next Intra picture of the component of the second program.